Export of Groundnuts and Apples

2330. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the quantity of Groundnuts and Apples exported during the last two years alongwith the names of the countries and the prices received from the export of these goods, year-wise; and

(b) the quantity of Apples and Almonds imported during the last two years alongwith the names of the countries and the prices paid for the imported goods, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The total quantity and value of groundnuts and apples exported during the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 (the latest available complete year) are as under:—

Qty: MTs.
Value: Rs. Crores
Unit Realisation (UR) Rs./Kg

	Groundnuts			Apples		
Year	Quantity	Value	UR	Quantity	Value	UR
1997-98	245129	566.30	23.10	11097	11.47	10.34
1998-99	58263	139.66	23.97	7442	10.02	13.46

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

Country-wise details of exports are given in the monthly/annual numbers of Foreign Trade Statistics of India Published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, Copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) The Total quantity and value of apples and almonds imported during the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 (the latest available complete year) are as under:—

Qty: MTs
Value: Crores
Unit Cost (UC): Rs/Kg

	Apples			Almonds		
Year	Quantity	Value	UR	Quantity	Value	UR
1997-98	—	—	—	19574	280.38	143.24
1998-99	2.7	0.005	19.02	19440	291.12	149.75

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

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Filing of Petition before USPTO

2331. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have filed a petition before the Unites States Patents and Trade Marks Office (USPTO) challenging grant of patent on Basmati Rice to Ricetec Inc., Texas two years back;

(b) if so, the reasons for such inordinate delay in filing the petition;

(c) whether it is also a fact that even if India succeeds in its petition before USPTO, it would not be able to prevent Ricetec Inc. from continuing with its patent; and

(d) if so, what is the practical utility of filing the complaint by Government?